

Sutter and Yuba Counties Projection Highlights

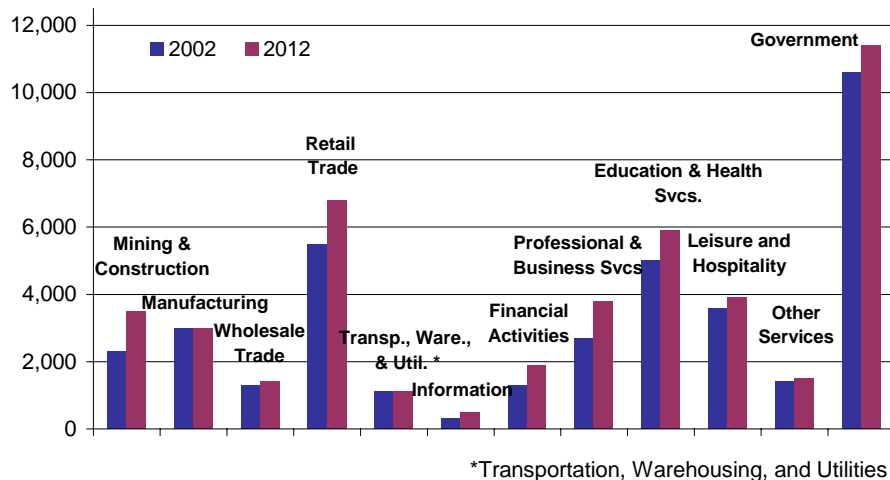
Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in Sutter and Yuba Counties is expected to grow by 1.7 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. This is slightly less than the 1.8 percent forecasted for California as a whole for the same period. This growth will add 6,500 new jobs and bring the employment of both counties to 44,700 by 2012.

Almost 82 percent of all new nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Retail Trade (20%), Natural Resources, Mining & Construction (18%), Professional & Business Services (17%), Educational & Health Services (14%) and Government (12%).

Information, the fastest growing industry, is projected to grow at an annual rate of almost 7 percent. Finance and Insurance and State Government are forecasted to grow at about 5 percent annually. Real Estate and Rental and Leasing is expected to grow at over 4 percent per year between 2002 and 2012. In addition, a key industry, General Merchandise Stores' employment growth is forecasted to remain strong, at 5 percent per year.

Below is a graph of the estimated 2002 and projected 2012 employment for major industries in Sutter and Yuba Counties.



Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002-2012 forecast:

- About 6,500 new jobs from industry growth,
- Over 9,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of almost 16,000 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate over 60 percent of all job openings in Sutter and Yuba Counties during the 2002-2012 period, generating almost 10,000 total job openings. While these occupations are typically lower paying, entry level occupations such as Cashiers, Retail Salespersons, and Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, higher-skilled and higher paying occupations such as Secondary School Teachers, Managers, and Civil Engineers are forecasted to have a substantial number of job openings over the ten year period.

The 37 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 1.8 percent or greater. Occupations in Construction, Health, and Retail Trade are scattered throughout the top fastest growing occupations. More than a third of these occupations require education beyond high school and a few pay over \$30 per hour.

